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13 January 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations Committee

1. The Director, accompanied by Messrs. Amory, Stoerz and Warner, briefed the Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations on 11 and 12 January 1960. By arrangement, Captain L. P. Gray, III, of General Twining's office sat in. Various staff people were present at different times including Sam Crosby, Ralph Preston and Kelly Campbell.

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Membership

of the Subcommittee is as follows:

George H. Mahon (D., Tex.), Chairman	
Sheppard, Harry R. (D., Calif.)	Ford, Gerald R., Jr. (R., Mich.)
Sikes, Robert L. F. (D., Fla.)	Ostertag, Harold C. (R., N. Y.)
Norrell, W. F. (D., Ark.)	Laird, Melvin R. (R., Wis.)
Whitten, Jamie L. (D., Miss.)	Lipscomb, Glenard P. (R., Calif.)
Andrews, George W. (D., Ala.)	Weaver, Phil (R., Neb.)
Riley, John J. (D., S. C.)	Minshall, William E. (R., Ohio)
Flood, Daniel J. (D., Pa.)	Thomson, Keith (R., Wyo.)
Thomas, Albert (D., Tex.)	

In the morning session of the 11th, all members were present except Whitten, Flood and Thomas. In the afternoon session, all were present except Sheppard, Norrell, Whitten, Flood, and Thomas. In the morning session of the 12th, all members were present except Whitten, Flood and Thomson. In the afternoon session, all were present except Sheppard.

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Sikes and Whitten. On the morning of the 11th, Messrs. Cannon and Taber showed up for a portion of the briefing. The House reporters were used - Lanham Connor and Price Bannister. The sessions ran from approximately ten o'clock to twelve o'clock and two o'clock to four o'clock.

2. Mr. Mahon requested that the members be furnished the Director's speeches referring to the economic situation in Russia and at the afternoon session on the 11th each member was furnished a copy of the Director's statement before the Joint Economic Committee on 13 November 1959 and the speech to the Edison Electric Institute at New Orleans on 8 April 1959.

3. The Director spoke from the prepared statement during the morning and was into the world situation report at the break. During the afternoon he finished the prepared statement and answered a number of questions.

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At the close of the session, Mr. Mahon posed six points which he hoped we would elaborate on in the next morning's session and, in addition, Mr. Minshall asked that we make a comparison of our estimates of a year ago with the current estimates.

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4. During the session on the 12th, Mr. Laird asked if we had any information on [redacted] and we agreed to supply this information. Mr. Laird also mentioned his visits with Clarence Sturm who is President of the International Lions who had spent four months in the South America area speaking with many political and business leaders. Laird inquired if we saw people of this type. He was advised that we did and we would check to see if we had seen Sturm.

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5. Mr. Lipscomb requested a paper on the submarine threat in considerable detail including sonar equipment and other related points. He also wanted information on the [redacted] effort. To both of these he requested we give information both on USSR and ChiCom. Mr. Amory

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6. Mr. Ford raised some good questions and I believe some of the questions were designed to document for the record. As an example one question was "Has CIA made evaluations or analyses which have caused bad decisions by the policy makers?"

7. Mr. Thomas asked a number of questions dealing with CIA

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8. Mr. Flood utilized considerable of the afternoon by telling us what he saw in Southeast Asia and other countries. He did state that he saw [redacted]

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9. I believe the session went rather well and I was informed that the detailed charts were of considerable significance and contributed to an impression of thorough preparation and detailed knowledge of the various subjects involved. The details of our briefing and many of the questions raised by the members are not spelled out here since we will have available to us one copy of the transcript.

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